

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7-19 and 21-43 are pending in this application. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9, 15, 16, 17, 29 and 33 are amended. Claims 6 and 20 are cancelled. No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action dated July 27, 2007, claims 29 and 30 are objected to. Claims 1-19 and 24-42 stand rejected based on various combinations of Chujo *et al.*, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0023156, Mane *et al.*, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0050107, Inglett, U.S. Patent No. 5,905,990 and Byrnes, U.S. Patent No. 6,832,247.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Objections to Claims 29 and 30

Claim 29 has been amended to correct a minor informality. Applicants respectfully request that the objection to these claims be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

All of the claims, except for claims 20-23, stand rejected based on a combination of Chujo, Mane, Inglett and Byrnes. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the reasoning expressed in the Office Action, in order to advance the prosecution of this case, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 17, and added claim 43. Claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 20, which was indicated as allowable. Therefore, claim 17, and all of its dependent claims, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

New claim 43 has been added. Claim 43 is modeled after a combination of claims 17 plus 20. However, Applicants have made an effort to improve the readability of this claim, and to focus this claim on the details of the hierarchic file system and the resource consumption/quota management aspects of claims 17 plus 20, which Applicants believe are the reasons for the indication of the allowability of the original dependent claim 20. Applicants believe that claim 43 is allowable for substantially the same reasons as the original claim 20.

Claim 1 has been amended, to correspond to the newly added claim 43. Essentially, amended claim 1 is intended as the system counterpart of claim 43. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, as amended, is allowable for substantially the same reasons as the current (amended) claim 17 and claim 43.

Reconsideration, and allowance of all the claims, is therefore respectfully requested.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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